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TEAMSTERS OFFER SERVICES IN BIG SCRAP COLLECTION DRIVE!

ICC May Investigate Morgan Packing Co.

Terrific Toll Of Accidents Angers Public

Scab-Driven Trucks Are a Menace to Safety of Highways

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Indications here are that the Interstate Commerce Commission will shortly start an investigation into the traffic policies of the notoriously anti-labor Morgan Packing Company of Austin, Indiana.

Attention was focused on Morgan recently when the report of an Indianapolis insurance agency revealed that in the short space of eight months this company's scab-driven trucks were involved in 230 highway accidents in which eight people were killed and scores injured.

Kill Innocent People!

The public has become incensed over the constant menace that Morgan's trucks have become, and is demanding that something be done about these scab trucks that run wildly over U. S. highways wantonly destroying property and killing innocent people.

Low labor standards make it virtually impossible for Morgan to hire competent drivers. All of his ace men left the company's employ when they went on strike for better wages and conditions more than three years ago.

Public Gets Dirty Deal!

As Elmer Briner, secretary-treasurer of Crothersville, Ind., Teamsters' Local 694, put it, "Morgan would rather run a repair shop than a union shop. And it is the public who gets the dirty end of the deal when these incompetently operated trucks destroy property and maim people."

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Local 694 Signs Two More Pacts!

CROTHERSVILLE.—Two more closed shop agreements have been signed by Local Union No. 694 here. They are with the Jackson Brick Company, of Ewing, Indiana, and the Medora Brick Company, of Medora, Indiana.

The contracts, which cover ten drivers, include all standard Teamster features.

Put the "X ray" on Asher!

The other day the FBI cracked down on suspicious enemy aliens in South Bend, Gary and Fort Wayne. We wish to congratulate the FBI on this action.

But they overlooked Muncie where a parasitic, non-descript bum by the name of Court Asher publishes a seditious weekly newspaper called the "X-ray." This paper continues to give aid and comfort to Adolph Hitler and some of his ardent worshippers in this country.

Mr. Asher found out long ago that shady business activities are much more lucrative than legitimate ones. During prohibition Mr. Asher was a sniveling back alley bootlegger. Before that he was mixed up with D. C. Stephenson, former head of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana.

Incidentally, Mr. Stephenson is now serving a life sentence in Michigan City State Penitentiary for murder. That's the kind of people Asher pals around with.

Mr. Asher has found it profitable to embarrass, blaspheme and discredit the government of the United States and he has set out to make the most of it.

IF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT MUNCIE HAVEN'T THE GUTS TO PUT THE FINGER ON COURT ASHER, THEN WE DEMAND THAT THE FBI DO SOMETHING.

Our soldiers who are protecting our lives and liberties at the very outposts of civilization are not going to feel much like fighting if human lice and enemies of democracy at home are permitted to spout sedition from their oily mouths.

Charles Coughlin's seditious weekly, "Social Justice," has been rightly banned from the mails. Virgil Chandler, Parker Sage and Garland Alderman have just been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for seditious, anti-American activities. William Dudley Pelley is in an Indianapolis jail awaiting trial on charges of malicious sedition.

But this blight upon Indiana's esentecheon at Muncie continues as a liability to America. What's going to be done about him?

What interest have teamsters in this? We are seriously involved in two ways: first, as American citizens; second, as members of organized labor.

As American citizens Teamsters abhor the totalitarian form of government that these rats would like to see in America, a form of government that makes slaves out of free men, that would abrogate, deny and destroy all that we were brought up to believe the American Flag stands for.

As Teamsters and members of organized labor, we know that the first order of business under a Nazi regime would be to crack the labor unions and push the workingman down to poverty and serfdom.

Therefore, the Teamsters' Union, being a patriotic American labor organization, has every interest in seeing that subversive elements are tracked down and exposed.

That the International Union is alarmed by the continued activities of seditious elements that are attempting to stab America in the back is shown in an article appearing in the May issue of THE INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER, which attacks the America First Committee and the Ku Klux Klan.

"Hitler rose to power," the story reads, "on class conflicts which he skillfully fanned. He softened every country he conquered through similar methods by organizations like the America First Committee and the Klan."

"And the program of the Klan closely parallels the program of Hitler, which is probably why it has raised its sheeted shoulders again at a time when it can do the most possible harm in setting Americans to fighting each other, rather than the Japs and Italians and Germans."

Wake up, Indiana, and do something about the dangers to democracy in your own back yard.

Campaign To Be State-Wide In Scope for Waste Materials Sorely Needed in War Effort

"Uncle Sam Needs This Junk to Make Into Weapons for Our Soldiers at the Front, and Teamsters Will Not Let Him down," Declares Pat Hess

Twenty-five thousand loyal Hoosier Teamsters volunteered their services this month for a mighty drive to collect scrap iron and other materials sorely needed for America's war effort.

The action was taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council held in Indianapolis on April 17. Every local in the State was represented, and the vote was unanimous.

IMPORTANT CSDC OFFICE GOES TO WALTER E. BIGGS

SOUTH BEND.—Local Union No. 364 was honored this month as its able president, Walter E. Biggs, was named recording secretary of the Central States Drivers' Council.

As recording secretary, Biggs will serve on the Council's Executive Board along with Michael Healy of Chicago, James Hoffa of Detroit and Joseph Scislowski of Milwaukee.

The Council, which embraces the 12 mid-western states, meets in Chicago once a month to consider over-the-road problems and grievances. President Tobin has appointed Dexter Lewis, formerly of Salt Lake City, chairman, who will be directly responsible to the International Union.

Said Biggs, who has been active in Area activities for several years, "Now that the over-the-road contract has been agreed upon, we can again settle down to the normal function of considering grievances as they arise. Of course, uppermost in our minds is the necessity for keeping war goods flowing to the points where it is needed."

For several years the area committee, as the Central States Drivers' Council was formerly called, has been a model for efficient handling of employee-employer relations.

Mott Gets CLU Post

Dave Mott of Teamsters' Local 369 was elected first vice-president of the Muncie Central Labor Union at a recent meeting.

Urging adoption of the resolution which called for the scrap collection drive, Pat Hess, president of the State Council and secretary of Fort Wayne Truck Drivers' Local 414, said:

"Uncle Sam needs this junk to make into weapons for our soldiers at the front, and I don't think the Teamsters are going to let him down. There's a lot of idle scrap lying around and it's up to us to see that it finds its way into the mills of the nation."

Just Call Teamsters' Local

The collection plan calls for state-wide cooperation on the part of the various locals with their local civilian defense set-up. People having salvage and waste materials that they want picked up will only have to call the nearest Teamsters' local, and soon a Union driver will gather the scrap and cart it to a junk yard.

This will be done at no cost to anyone. The Union driver is volunteering his services gratis.

Whatever funds are collected from the sale of the scrap will be immediately invested in United States War Bonds which in turn will be donated to some worthy charitable institution.

Hope to Beat Denver!

It is hoped that Indiana Teamsters will be able to better the record.

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Evansville Local Opens Sub-office

EVANSVILLE.—Clyde Birdsong, president of Local 215, reports that his local has opened a sub office in Morganfield, Kentucky, near the site of a new Army camp being built there.

Labor relations with the contractors building the camp have been very harmonious and work is proceeding right on schedule.



Walter Biggs

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What Sinister Plot Do They Hatch?

The fact that American soldiers are fighting and dying on many fronts to protect our precious liberties has not deterred certain isolationist rats from gathering in their nests to discuss plans of future sedition.

Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, the two very dependable newspapermen who write the daily syndicated column, The Washington Merry-Go-Round, report that on the very day that General Douglas MacArthur was appointed supreme commander of the embattled southwest Pacific, two very interesting meetings took place in Chicago.

"The first," the item reads, "was held in the private office of Col. Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune. Present, in addition to McCormick, were his cousin, Capt. Joseph Medill Patterson, publisher of the New York Daily News, and Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

"The three men were closeted together for several hours. They then went to the Chicago Club, where they were joined by Gen. Robert Wood, former head of the America First Committee, now a high officer in the Chicago office of the United States Army Ordnance.

"The four men discussed the war situation, plans relating to this year's crucial congressional elections, Wendell Willkie, and Lindbergh's future plans. Several weeks later he got a job with Henry Ford.

"NOTE: While keeping out of the limelight in the past few months, Washington's isolationist generalissimos meet frequently for strategy powwows. Their last get-together was at the Massachusetts Avenue mansion of Mrs. Alice Longworth."

These arch foes of America's foreign policy did not meet for tea and crumpets! They fought our government's foreign policy while we were at peace, and we don't trust them now that we are at war.

What sinister plots are being hatched?

Are They All "Ex" Appeasers?

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, pal of Hitler-heilers and former isolationist ringleader, has taken a job with Henry Ford, former champion of the open shop and also an isolationist.

That isn't a queer combination at all. The Indiana Teamster has shown right along that the big open shop interests and the America Firsters were one and the same group.

Auto workers in Detroit protested when Lindbergh's new job was announced. They don't trust the ex-opponent of America's form of government.

Here's what puzzles us. Can people like Lindbergh, Ford, Wheeler, Nye, Fish (don't forget him), Brooks and all the other "Firsters" be "ex's"?

We don't think so!

Got Any Books for Soldiers?

America's sailors and soldiers would like to read the old books and magazines that you are through with. Sometimes it gets mighty lonesome around an Army camp, and something to read makes good company for a lonely soldier.

Please send your old books and magazines to THE INDIANA TEAMSTER, 28 W. North Street, Indianapolis. We'll see that our soldiers get them. Thanks.

Be in Indianapolis May 3!

On Sunday, May 3, there will be a giant patriotic demonstration in Indianapolis. Every labor, business, fraternal and civic organization in the state will be represented. The Teamsters should send a large delegation to march in the parade and take part in the ceremonies.

Let's show our government that the Teamsters' Union is 100 per cent behind it by turning out in large numbers. Headquarters will be Teamsters' Hall, 28 W. North St., Indianapolis.

By the Editor

That "spontaneous" attack upon organized labor and the forty-hour week which was in full bloom last week certainly withered away in surprisingly short time.

Subsequent events revealed that the anti-labor tirade was not quite as "spontaneous" as open-shop employers and certain newspapers would like to have you believe.

As a matter of fact, it wasn't at all spontaneous. It was well-planned and might have succeeded in smashing labor if the employers had but had their own house in order.

What discredited the concerted attack of the open-shop employers more than anything else was the disclosure of Senate investigating committees that the employers' shirt tails were none too clean.

For example, there was the Jack & Heintz profiteering case at Cleveland, where a firm holding large war orders was found to be paying a stenographer \$39,000.00 a year, in addition to other inconceivable waste and extravagance. Yet these employers complained about the unions, and how they were being held up by them!

Then there was the case of the Standard Oil Company, another open-shop outfit that was found to have made deals as regards rubber substitute patents with firms in Nazi Germany.

People began to get suspicious, for example, when the Daily Oklahoman, published in a state that has very little organized labor and which has not had any labor trouble at all for the past six months, suddenly launched a bitter anti-labor crusade that was immediately, even simultaneously, picked up by 79 per cent of the nation's daily press.

And Hans Von Kaltenborn, formerly a reliable news commentator and now a Pure Oil Company hireling, began to hammer incessantly at labor unions and the forty-hour week.

Incidentally, Oklahoma is a great oil-producing state, and it wasn't just a coincidence that the national attack started there.

However, the exposures of the employers' sins automatically took the sting out of their anti-labor crusade and the public began to realize that the whole thing was a well-planned but unfortunately-timed plan to scuttle the gains of American labor.

Of course, anti-labor agitation continues, as it probably always will, but the open-shop interests' great major spring offensive, launched in the transparent cloak of fake patriotism, has met with dismal failure.

We sharply disagree with Philip Pearl, who states in the name of the A. F. of L. that only two newspapers have given labor a break. As one of them, he mentions the Communist Daily Worker. We think that Pearl must be getting spring fever. Maybe he is getting red spots in front of his eyes.

Why does Pearl contemptuously throw the entire labor press out the window? Does he think we have done nothing to advance the cause of labor? And why does he ignore such influential dailies as the Chicago Sun, the Milwaukee Post, the Seattle Star and others who have given labor a break?

It certainly does not promote the friendship of the daily papers who have been fair to labor to have Pearl ignore them and throw his arms around the Communist Daily Worker.

If the day ever comes that the Daily Worker speaks for labor, Phil Pearl will not be speaking for anybody but himself.

He sounds that way to us now, in such articles as he wrote recently.

Consider Candidates Carefully!

Primary elections will be held in Indiana on May 5. Every Teamster should consider each candidate carefully before casting his ballot.

For example, such men as Congressman Schulte of Lake County who has shown such a keen appreciation of labor's problems and also of the problems facing our democracy. Mr. Schulte was not one of those members of Congress who voted against the Lease-Lend Bill or any of the other bills which were aimed against Nazi tyranny. Bear that in mind.

And there is in Indianapolis a man named Markey running for re-nomination to the post of Superior Court Judge, Room 1. Don't vote for him. He was a railroad attorney for 18 years before coming to the bench and has been a consistent foe of organized labor. He's the man who slapped two sweeping injunctions on Teamsters' Locals 716 and Local 135 last fall. Let him go back to the railroads!

So you see, there are many things to consider. Was the candidate an America Firster? If he was, he's no friend of labor. Throw him out. Did he vote for anti-labor legislation? Has he done anything for the community, the schools, etc.?

Scrutinize each candidate's record!

"Dan" Tobin at His Best!

General President Daniel J. Tobin's brilliant radio speech on labor's part in the war effort has been widely applauded as one of the clearest statements ever made in labor's behalf.

The speech was timely and dynamic. It was "Dan" Tobin at his best. Teamsters the nation over may well be proud that such a man has the driver's seat at Indianapolis.

Many of the communications received by the International Union praising the address suggested that President Tobin be on the air oftener. To this THE INDIANA TEAMSTER agrees.

In these times when powerful open shop interests are using the label of patriotism to beat down organized labor, we need the resounding defense of labor that Mr. Tobin has shown he can give.

Congratulations, President Tobin, on your unselfish presentation of all labor's case. Here's hoping we hear you again soon.

America's 40-Hour Week

The 40-hour week does not limit any American working man. It is simply a yardstick by which the normal working time is measured. Upon it is based the normal or going wage paid to the worker. If the employer requires 48 or 68 or any other working week not beyond the strength or endurance of the workman, he must pay time and a half for this additional effort.

The reason some industrialists are fighting the 40-hour week is that they do not want to pay the overtime wage. They want that extra money for their own pockets. The southern congressmen have joined the fight on labor because in the south wages generally are far below the northern standards. The southerners do not want to compete with the north on even terms; they want that wage advantage. The south is not well organized; when the unions there are as strong as in the northern states, wages will go up! This scares the southern politicians!

The fight on labor and the 40-hour week should stop. It is rocking the boat. Labor will work as never before to win this war. Labor is toiling now at full strength. Let Congress turn its attention to the bottlenecks in industry, to the selfish employers who are not doing their utmost, to the dollar-a-year men who delay transportation of our war materials. Stop kicking the American worker around! —The Washington Teamster.

Keep the Lawyers Out

If all employers of labor could listen to the good advice of W. I. McNeill, director of industrial relations for the Palmolive-Peet Company, and if they would take his words seriously, most of the labor strife in this country would be eliminated.

This gem of truth from McNeill's lips deserves to be repeated again and again:

"Absence of lawyers is the first step toward successful negotiation of a contract.

"A liberal, friendly and unbiased approach to the negotiation of a union contract is likely to get you more in the long run than if you try to phlegma the contract phraseology to gain a slight advantage or purposely leave a meaning clouded."

Keep the lawyers out! That is the advice of a man who conducts the labor relations work for one of our greatest companies.

Unions know that when employers call in their big lawyers to negotiate, there is trouble ahead. The lawyer is not interested in industrial peace, or in cooperative relations between employer and employee; he is interested in driving as sharp a bargain as possible by any and all means to get the best of it for the man who pays his fee.

The lawyer never pays the cost of a strike. Both labor and employer pay that cost—and the lawyer collects the fees. The lawyer has his place in the scheme of things, but that place is not in the negotiation room when employer and employee are talking over a contract.

—The Washington Teamster.

Daily Milk Delivery Now Compulsory in Minneapolis

NEW CITY LAW BELIEVED FIRST OF KIND IN U. S.

Passed in Interest of Public Health

"Each licensee shall make at least one daily delivery on all established milk routes and it shall be unlawful to place on sale any milk bearing a day of the week after such day has passed."

These quotations from a Minneapolis city ordinance show how Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union No. 471 combatted the efforts of dairymen to inaugurate the every other day delivery of milk.

Must Be Delivered Daily

It is now part of the law in Minneapolis that milk must be delivered daily on all established routes. To change the system of milk delivery, the distributors must first change the law.

Secretary-Treasurer Gene Larson, of Local No. 471, as reported in May issue of International Teamster, said that the new provisions of the city ordinance were obtained after the distributors attempted to deliver milk on alternate days.

Milk Must Be Dated

They were blocked, however, because of a city ordinance requiring that milk be dated. So, their first move was an effort to change the ordinance. The Teamsters strenuously resisted this and received strong support from the Hennepin County Medical Society and the Parent-Teacher Association.

Dr. E. J. Huenekens, chairman of the medical society, slowed down the milk distributors when he declared that the daily delivery of milk was essential to the public health of Minneapolis.

The mothers of school children took a similar position and declared that the suspension of daily deliveries would mean less milk for growing children.

Council Refuses to Weaken

In the face of these strong protests from Teamsters, doctors and mothers, the city council refused to weaken the ordinance as demanded by the milk distributors. Instead, they strengthened it by adding a new section to the milk ordinance requiring the dairies to continue daily deliveries.

So far as Larson knows, this is the only such milk ordinance in the country and it offers a blueprint for other Teamster Unions in other cities where milk distributors are trying to take advantage of the tire shortage by reducing deliveries.

If this is bad for the health of children in Minneapolis, it is also bad for the health of children everywhere. "The records show that wherever the alternate day delivery has been tried, the consumption of milk has been drastically reduced," Larson said. "Inasmuch as children are the principal consumers, this means that children are getting less milk in their diet, a fact which the physicians and mothers of Minneapolis quickly realized."

Want No "False Economies"

"As far as our union is concerned, we will make any sacrifice necessary to win the war but we do not propose to let employers to take advantage of the war by inaugurating false economies which are designed for no other purpose than to destroy our union."

A New York inventor believes he has solved the problem of non-uniform state limits on truck lengths. He has developed a telescoping truck body that can be shortened or lengthened by the driver without use of tools.



Patriotic Fort Wayne Local 414's Sound Car

Mayor LaGuardia to Address Patriotic Rally at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS.—Mayor LaGuardia of New York will be the principal speaker at a monster patriotic demonstration to be held here in Tomlinson Hall on the afternoon of May 3.

The rally, which is being staged under the auspices of the Indiana Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be attended by thousands from every corner of Hoosierland. Many notables of civic, religious and business life will be on hand for the demonstration and many will speak.

There will be a parade in which bands and drum and bugle corps from all over the State will march.

Teamsters Should Attend!

Urging Indiana Teamsters to attend this demonstration, Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135, said, "The Teamsters of Indiana should turn out en masse

to help make this rally a big success. All Teamsters should check in at 28 West North Street as soon as they arrive in Indianapolis, and we'll all attend the meeting in a group."

"Several weeks ago our great President said that the country needed more patriotic parades and demonstrations to awaken people to the fact that we are in a war. Let's not let him down. Let's show him that the Teamsters know we are in a war and what is at stake."

Williams said further that Teamsters should make Local 135 their headquarters while in Indianapolis.

Indpls. Bakery Men Open Negotiations

INDIANAPOLIS.—After a highly successful first year of organization, the Bakery Drivers' Division of Local 135 has opened negotiations with several Indianapolis companies.

Contracts Being Negotiated!

Agreements are now being negotiated with the Blue Ribbon Pie Company, Gleason Pie Company, Bond Bread Company and Dady's Bakery. Business Representative C. E. Davis, who has charge of negotiations, said that he hoped soon to have a favorable report on progress made.

Labor shortages due to the draft have hit a few of the companies here, Davis said, but that the employers are cooperating splendidly in calling the Union for replacements.

FLASHES FROM FORT WAYNE LOCAL 414

By PAT HESS

Primaries are drawing near, and we of labor should look over the record of each candidate carefully before casting our ballots for him.

The Old Fort Supply and Erie Materials, ready-mix concrete companies, contracts are now being negotiated. Substantial pay raises are anticipated.

The Central States' Over-the-road contracts are now available and each road driver may get one by calling at the office.

The dispute between Local 414 and the Plumbers and Electricians has been ironed out to the satisfaction of everyone. Truck Drivers' helpers are still unloading the material on the new General Electric job!

We regret to report the death of Brother Lester Schumacher early this month. Taxicab Drivers' local unit attended the funeral.

Members on the sick list now are as follows: James Murphy, Walter Scheumann, Odie Murrell, Robert Curry and Joe Pumphrey.

In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

A contract has been signed with the Kokomo Ready Mixed Concrete Corporation calling for a 25 per cent increase in wages. The agreement went into effect on April 1.

Contracts have been sent to the Miller Transfer, Ross Transfer, and Naphew Trucking Companies and negotiations are expected to open immediately.

Six more patriotic Teamsters have gone to the service. They are Edwin Cassidy and John French, of Brown Trucking Co.; John Necum, of Allbaugh Trucking Co., Wabash; William Shireman, of Kain's Motor Freight, Logansport; Charles Detamore, of Indiana Railroad, Peru, and C. L. Jones, of Hayes Freight Lines, Peru.

Edward Kelly, terminal manager at Keeshin Motor Express, is quite chummy these days over an eight pound five ounce baby girl! Cigars are in order, Mr. Kelly. Also Dale Brewer of the Hansell Coal Company who is the proud father of a nine and one-half pound boy!

Buy War Bonds and Stamps! You are investing in Democracy.

We have a signed agreement with the Appleton Transfer Company now. Was formerly Yellow Cab Transfer.

Negotiations have been started on our construction contract which calls for a ten-cent hourly raise, effective April 1.

VOTE FOR PROVEN FRIENDS OF LABOR AND DEMOCRACY IN THE PRIMARIES, MAY 5.

THREE SO. BEND BOTTLERS GRANT VOLUNTARY RAISES

SOUTH BEND.—Three important bottlers here gave voluntary \$3.00 weekly raises this month. They are the Berlin Beverage, Double Cola, and Seven-Up bottling companies.

"These companies are to be congratulated for their splendid stand and appreciation of the fact that living costs have skyrocketed. A fine gesture, and we appreciate it," commented Walter E. Biggs, president of South Bend Local 364.

DELEGATES MEET IN CHICAGO FOR FINAL INTERPRETATION OF THE NEW 12 STATE OVER-THE-ROAD CONTRACT

Flynn Speaks, Emphasizes Necessity of Competent Leaders in a War Time Situation

CHICAGO, Ill.—Representatives of local unions in the 12 midwestern states met here April 3 for a final reading and interpretation of the newly adopted over-the-road agreement which governs the wages and working conditions of more than 75,000 freight drivers. Permanent delegates to the Central States Drivers' Council were selected at this meeting.

This was the first general meeting held since the adoption of the new contract and since the re-organization of the old Area Committee as the Central States Drivers' Council with International Organizer Dexter L. Lewis as its permanent chairman.

Flynn Represents International

Thomas E. Flynn, Executive Assistant to General President Daniel J. Tobin, who represented the International Union at the meeting, declared that the agreement, which had been arrived at only through the most democratic of means, is one of the finest ever written.

The contract was signed by employers and Union after several months of controversy which was settled by a decision of the War Labor Board in favor of the Teamsters. No strike was called at any time during the long-drawn-out dispute, thus hauling of important war materials went on unimpeded.

Emphasizing the importance in a wartime world of electing men of intelligence and integrity as delegates to the Council's meetings, Mr. Flynn said:

"In selecting representatives from your various states, I say to you gentlemen, give careful thought and deliberation and consideration. There has been no time in the history of the labor movement, and particularly the Teamsters' International Union, when men of leadership and backbone were more needed; men who will be able to stand up and render a decision, unafraid of anybody being in a position to cause them trouble or scare them out of that decision."

"Motor Transportation Vital"

"The United States is at war, and we must have the right men at the head of our organizations, particularly this one which has to do with the movement of freight. Motor transportation is one of the most vital industries connected with our war effort, and we must assume tremendous responsibility."

Tobin Is Pleased

Flynn also stated that International President Tobin was pleased with the new agreement and that



THOMAS E. FLYNN

the Central States Drivers' Council could expect complete co-operation from the parent organization, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

A. F. Hudson, Executive Secretary of the Council, of St. Paul, long active in area affairs, has been named executive secretary and will have charge of the Council's offices in the Congress Hotel, Chicago.

Williams, Biggs, Skerco

Delegates chosen by the body to represent the various states at the Council's monthly meetings in Chicago are as follows: Indiana, E. J. Williams, Walter Biggs and George Skerco; Michigan, James Hoffa, Frank Fitzsimmons and J. C. Brayton; Ohio, Henry F. Card, Mr. Finn and Mr. Newmarker; Illinois, John O'Brien, Michael Healy and Guy Long; Wisconsin, J. F. Scislowski and Emmett Terry; Minnesota, Sidney L. Brennan and Fred Smith; Iowa, Carl Keul; Missouri, William Ryan and Lloyd Hayes; North Dakota, N. E. Kragerud; South Dakota, Kenneth McCreevy; Nebraska, Stanley Swaney; Kansas, H. C. Conover.

Pres. Tobin's Radio Speech Brings Thanks of All Labor



DANIEL J. TOBIN

International President Daniel J. Tobin's brilliant defense of labor's part in America's war effort in a radio speech early this month brought telegrams and letters from all corners of the nation praising his clear, forthright statement of labor's case.

The messages came from people in all walks of life—lawyers, doctors, organized workers, unorganized workers, businessmen, labor leaders of both major camps, and high government officials. Many of the messages urged President Tobin to speak oftener, saying that such addresses would do much towards educating the public as to what

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LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

Politics and politicians have priorities of the membership of Local Union No. 520 this month. When visiting the various docks and garages, all one can hear is political arguments. This is all right. Just an old, thoroughly American habit of releasing steam! No one gets hurt. We have members running for office on both the Democratic and Republican tickets that are worthy of our support—and I mean SUPPORT.

We should do all in our power to elect our brother members to office. And we should also elect men who in the past have proven to be our friends. For example, our Congressman, WILLIAM T. SCHULTE, has the best labor record of any congressman in the State of Indiana and deserves the support of all Lake County teamsters.

And we shouldn't forget Mayor Frank Migas who has helped Local 520 more than any mayor East Chicago has ever had. His police have been exceptionally fair. By all means re-elect Frank Migas.

John F. Conroy of Local No. 835, Gary, is a candidate for councilman of the first district, East Chicago. He has been the Teamsters' key man on the City Council. In three years he has helped us get 30 cents in raises, which makes the pay of all city chauffeurs now \$1.00 per hour plus vacations. We should all help Johnny stay in the City Council.

JOSEPH GINTHER, an ex-member of Local 520, is a candidate for Township Trustee. Joe has helped us a great deal in the past, especially when he was an investigator for the Prosecuting Attorney. He needs our help now, so let's pay up our debt!

And Deputy Sheriff FRED STULTS has always been fair in his dealings with organized labor. He is worthy of our support. So is FRANK R. MARTIN, County Treasurer.

JOHN F. KROUSE and JOHN HOLLENBACH, County Commissioners, have always been fair and were instrumental in helping our county drivers getting a ten-cent raise this year which brings those boys' wages up to 90 cents an hour!

FRANK VINCENT, of Dr. Pepper, is a candidate for Councilman-at-Large. I believe Frank would make a good Councilman.

On the Republican side we have Paul Mohler who is a candidate for Councilman-at-Large. Paul works for the Calumet Laundry and is worthy of all the backing we can give him. He is our Recording Secretary.

Frank Potesak of Lake Cities Concrete, a staunch Republican and a workhorse for his party, claims he will not support ANY CANDIDATE WHO DOES NOT DECLARE HIMSELF FOR ORGANIZED LABOR.

Politics has even crept into my home. Friend wife is a candidate for precinct committeewoman in the 13th precinct of East Chicago. I suppose for the next 30 days I'll be eating out. However, I'm evening the score. Every time she starts to yell at me for staying out late, I calm her down by saying, "Honey, I've been out campaigning

Watch for These Letters! They Are Morgan's Code

The following CODE letters are used on the ends of cans of food packed by the **Morgan Packing Company** and sold to certain chain stores and others. The foods appear under the buyers' labels, but just look at each end of the can for these letters:

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|------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Butter Beans..... | BNBT | Chicken Noodle Soup..... | CKND |
| Lima Beans..... | BNLM | Chicken with Rice Soup..... | CKRC |
| Pork & Beans..... | BPMK | Red Beans & Chili..... | RDCH |
| Kidney Beans..... | BNKY | Mixed Vegetables..... | VGMX |
| Red Beans..... | BNRD | Breakfast Fruit..... | BEFT |
| Tomato Puree..... | TPRH | Evergreen Corn..... | INSCF |
| Tomato Soup..... | TMSP | Yellow Field Corn..... | INCFY |
| Tomato Juice..... | TMJC | Field Corn Mixed..... | INFM |
| Tomato Cocktail..... | TMCK | White Field Corn..... | INCFW |
| Beets, Cut..... | BTCT | Country Gentleman Corn..... | INSCG |
| Beets, Sliced..... | BTSL | Spaghetti, No Cheese..... | SPNC |
| Beets, Diced..... | BTDC | Vegetable Soup..... | VGSP |
| Kraut..... | SRTK | Tomato Catsup..... | TMKP |
| Peas & Carrots..... | PSCA | Sweet Potatoes..... | PSW |
| Carrots..... | CRRT | Pumpkin..... | PMKN |
| Macaroni & Cheese..... | MCCH | Hominy..... | HMNY |
| | | Spaghetti..... | SPHT |

IF THE CAN HAS THESE LETTERS ON IT, THE FOOD WAS PACKED UNDER SCAB CONDITIONS!

Tobin Radio Talk Brings Praises

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American organized labor stands for. Many said that such speeches would help offset the blistering, malicious attack upon labor that the open shop interests and the press of the nation have undertaken under the false cloak of patriotism.

Roosevelt Sends Letter

A letter from President Roosevelt to Mr. Tobin said of the speech: "In that utterance you have given voice to some plain truths which need often to be emphasized and which you have stated with force and clarity."

"I hope your speech will bring real enlightenment on a subject that has become obscured and confused in the heat of controversy. It is deplorable, as you well state, that at this time, when there ought to be complete understanding, there should be so much hatred and enmity."

Tobin, whose speech was carried over a national hookup of the National Broadcasting Company, urged Congress to deal fairly with labor.

for you." Then she gives me that sleek, politician's smile and I stay out of the doghouse. Oh boy, if she ever finds out that she has no opponent will I ever be in a scrape!

Max Plech, of Calumet Teaming, passed around cigars the other day announcing the birth of his baby! Ed Pomplun of the same garage also passed out cigars. But it wasn't on a new baby. The darn fool got married.

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL POLITICAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN OUR HALL, APRIL 23, AT 8:30 P. M., 4616 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago. ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

Bakery Drivers of Local 135

By C. E. DAVIS

"Dutch" Herder, old reliable Wonder Bread man, is back on the east side after several weeks' absence due to a peculiar accident which was in no way his fault. Here's hoping your injuries will not affect your golf score, Dutch!

Don't forget to keep the first Tuesday of each month open, for that's the day of your Union meeting! Let's have a 100 per cent turnout for these monthly meetings, please.

We wish to here extend our condolences to Brother Rudolph Bair, steward of American Bakery at Greensburg, whose wife recently passed away. Bair is now sick with pneumonia, and we wish him a speedy recovery. You certainly have had a pack of trouble all at once, Rudolph.

Brother Ray Lawton, former Steward at Wonder, is in the Navy now. A recent card from Ray said that he's having a tough time trying to sleep in a hammock, but that he's not alone in that dilemma. Ray would like some mail. His address: Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., Company 229.

Several other brothers have gone to the armed services. We congratulate them and wish them all the luck in the world, and would appreciate hearing from them. In the future, any member leaving for service in the armed forces should write and we'll see that he receives THE INDIANA TEAMSTER regularly.

Supervisors are eligible for membership in the Union.

BUY WAR BONDS AND WAR STAMPS!

ICC May Investigate Morgan Co.

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Briner, to whose Local the striking Morgan drivers belong, stated that he has been receiving many letters daily from irate workers and their wives asking what they can do to help win the fight.

And here is a list of the brand names under which Morgan sells his foods. Watch for these brands! They are as follows:

Scott County, Gen. Jackson, Golden Value, Hoosier Belle, American Beauty, Sunnyfield, Springtime, Gen. Scott, Columbus, Bungalow, Indiana, Silver Star, Star Bright, Mayfield, Imperial, Quality, Big Boy, Big Can, Royal Gem, Our Best, Tall Can, Park City, Old Mammy, Baby Peggy, Baby Betty, Baby Bunting, Tall Boy, Bestov, Ready-to-Serve, Cow Boy, Value, King, Awinna, Grand, Purity, Favorite, Morgan's.

And here is a list of dog and cat foods packed by Morgan: Ben-bo, Topple, Skipper, Meal Time, Full Meal, King Mario, Pooch, Elk, Pet, Value, Our Buddy, Bloomfield Hills, True Value.

Remember, you are financing a highway hazard by buying the above listed products of the Morgan Packing Company!

LOCAL UNION NO. 716 SIGNS ANOTHER PACT

INDIANAPOLIS.—Al Tyree, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 716, has announced the signing of a closed-shop contract with the Indianapolis Paint and Color Company.

The agreement, which was signed after an election determined Local 716 as the collective bargaining agent, also calls for two weeks' vacation with pay, 80c per hour and seniority rules. All standard Teamster features are incorporated in the pact.

TAXI TWADDLE FROM LOCAL NO. 141

By OTTO MOREHOUSE

Three of our members have gone to the service of their country since the last issue of the TEAMSTER. They are: Andrew Ruch, of South Bend Cab, who is now stationed with the 327 Infantry, Camp Claiborne, La.; Charles W. Jones, of Indiana Cab, who is stationed at Building A, Section 4, U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.; and John Grant, of Yellow Cab, whose address we do not yet have. Why not write to these boys? Mail means a lot when you're in an Army camp.

Brothers Sepanek, Kelly, Krech and your Business Representative attended a hockey game in Chicago recently. Sepanek said the dinner was the best part of the trip. Brother Krech said the next time he went to a hockey game he would watch the players and not the spectators!

Taxicabs of our city have been declared a Defense necessity by the tire rationing board. We believe this was accomplished through the efforts of the International Union and all the locals who wired their Congressmen requesting a re-examination of their tire needs.

TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE CAMPBELL

Business Representative Earl Ketter disclosed recently that the Schrader Transportation Company, which was formerly in the drive-away business, has started a bus service between Elkhart, Mishawaka, South Bend and the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant. All bus drivers employed are members of Local Union No. 364.

Lester Gibson, freight division B. A., says things are looking up in the freight business, and several members of that division have been called to the armed service. We are convinced they will make the jaggy Japs slap happy if given the proper chance. Gibby is looking towards June 16 (guess why?).

Business Agents Bert Snyder and Wellington Fleck, of Goshen, are busy with a lot of road construction work in their territory. Buck says it's hard on rubber, and he's still looking for recaps. (Good luck, Bertie, old fellow.)

A renewal of the contract with the City Ice Service, Inc., is in the making, according to Business Agent Murrin. This should materialize in the near future what with the able assistance of Louis Foky, job steward.

HAVE IT DELIVERED!

Teamsters Offer Services in Drive

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ord of Denver Teamsters who collected 4,500 tons of scrap in a three day campaign.

Warren McAfee, State Labor Coordinator and former business agent for Gary Local 142, applauded the plan and said that he knows it will be appreciated by the State Defense Council.

"We are in this war to win. And if everyone shows the true patriotism that the Teamsters have, that victory will be assured," said McAfee.

Must I at Fascism

By buying War Bonds to the very capacities of their treasuries and by volunteering their services for such drives as this scrap campaign, the Teamsters have shown that they appreciate just how important it is to win this war against fascism. They are going to do all in their power to see that our soldiers, sailors and marines are supplied with the latest and best weapons in whatever quantities needed.

The new papers and local civilian defense units of the State have been notified of the Teamsters' scrap collection offer, and it is hoped that it won't be long before the metal and salvage materials are pouring into the mills where they are needed so badly.

LOCAL 215 WILL HOLD GALA PARTY ON MAY 3

EVANSVILLE.—Local Union No. 215 will hold another one of its famous parties Sunday, May 3, in the Labor Temple Auditorium.

President Clyde Birdsong has urged all members and their wives to attend the occasion at which free food and refreshments will be served to all.

"We want this party to be a big success, so, please, turn out," said Birdsong.

IT'S WEISS VS. MARKEY IN MARION COUNTY COURT RACE AND WE DON'T WANT MARKEY!

INDIANAPOLIS.—Political questions of vital interest to Indianapolis organized labor and particularly to Teamsters' Locals 135 and 716 came to the fore this month as the May 5 party primaries drew near.

Teamsters Back Weiss!

In the Democratic race for Judge of Superior Court, Room 1, Teamsters are showing considerable interest and are backing former State Senator Jacob Weiss (Dem.)

against the labor-hating incumbent, Judge Joseph T. Markey.

It will be recalled that Judge Markey granted the Pure Oil Company's pleas for a sweeping injunction against local Union No. 135 last fall when their work-



"Jake" Weiss

ers went out on a legitimate strike because of grossly unfair treatment. This Pure Oil Company is the same outfit that now has radio commentator Hans Von Kaltenborn spouting anti-labor poison over the networks of the National Broadcasting Company.

And it will be recalled that this is the same Judge Markey who granted a sweeping injunction against Local 716 when it had a legitimate strike on against the then unfair F. J. Schuster Coal Company.

Markey Was Railroad Lawyer

It isn't difficult to understand why anti-labor injunctions are so

popular with Markey when you stop to consider that he was a railroad attorney for 18 years before coming to the bench.

Jacob Weiss, who opposes Markey, has been Local 135's legal advisor for many years. He also represents the Window Cleaners and the Boiler Makers. In the past he has been attorney for the Building Trades Council, Motion Picture Operators' Union, Clay Workers' Union, Rubber Workers' Union, and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Will Protect Labor's Rights

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Weiss said: "Too often the courts

throughout the country have thwarted progressive legislation enacted by the representatives of the people. When elected as Judge of Room 1 of the Superior Court, I will give effect to and enforce all the statutes passed by the General Assembly, including those which were passed for the protection of civil liberties and labor's rights."

"Support Weiss"—Williams

Supporting Weiss, Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135, said: "I urge all Teamsters and their friends to vote for Jake Weiss. He is our friend and he is honest. We know that we can at least expect a fair break from Mr. Weiss, and that's all we ask."